



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.*

*Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

—Book of Common Prayer

APRIL 19, 2026 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together.*

**CHILDCARE:** *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to crayons and children's bulletins.*

*\* Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

John Wingard, ruling elder

**\* Call to worship**

from Jeremiah 32 and Revelation 4:8

**Leader:** Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

**All:** **You show love to thousands—O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.**

**Leader:** You performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, both in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the renown that is still yours.

**All:** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!  
*text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Prayer of intercession**

**Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings**

**Offertory hymn** "Ancient of Days"

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
there is still one King reigning over all.  
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:  
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

*Refrain:* None above him, none before him; all of time in his hands.  
For his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name,  
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,  
he is here with me—I am not alone.  
O, his love is sure, and he knows my name,  
for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.  
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face  
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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**\* Scripture reading from John 5:18-29**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Levi Barshinger (8:45)

Merrile Stroud (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

### **Sermon**

"Jesus' Divine Sonship"  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.*

*The ushers will direct you by row to come forward down the center aisles. After coming forward, you will partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing. Men and women will be available in the fellowship hall lobby to pray with you, should you desire that.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

#### **Hymn of confession**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

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### **Silent prayers of confession**

#### **Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## Words of institution

### Communion affirmation

**Leader:** Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

**All:** **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.**

**Leader:** We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

**All:** **We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### Prayer of consecration

### Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“My Savior Left His Throne Above”

My Savior left his throne above, exchanged his wealth for poverty.  
He took my hate and gave his love; all this and more he did for me.  
Because he chose the lowly way and bowed before his Father's will,  
I can with all assurance say my God is near and loves me still,  
my God is near and loves me still.

He felt the storms of human pain, he felt temptation's whelming seas.  
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain; all this and more he felt for me.  
Because he knows my ev'ry strife and is acquainted with my grief,  
I can't be shaken in this life; the Friend of Sinners walks with me,  
the Friend of Sinners walks with me.

*continued*

He kept his Father's ev'ry word; the law he followed perfectly.  
So all God's pleasure he secured; all this and more he earned for me.  
Because his righteous life is mine and all his merits now I own,  
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known,  
I am adopted, loved, and known.

When Jesus left his heav'nly home, his face was set on Calvary.  
The steepest hill he climbed alone; all this and more he did for me.  
Because he died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,  
final forgiveness here is mine; so it is finished, all is well,  
yes, it is finished, all is well.

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### “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*  
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#### \* Prayer of thanksgiving

#### \* Hymn of praise

#### “There Is a Higher Throne”

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

*Refrain:* Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings  
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.

We'll honor him in perfect song, where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. *Refrain*

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**\* Benediction**

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**\* Postlude**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Xaris Emmett – violin**

**Calvin Garriott – piano**

**Krista Gibson – vocals**

**David Henry – guitar, vocals**

**Jonah Hitchcock – cello**

**Hannah Lutz – viola**

**Hannah Perry – vocals**

**The rosebud in the sanctuary today** is for the birth of Annie Inez Whitted, born to Bethany and Chapman Whitted on April 10.

## John 5:18-29

<sup>18</sup>This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. <sup>19</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup>For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup>For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup>that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

<sup>24</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. <sup>25</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup>For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

<sup>27</sup>“And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup>and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

**SERMON NOTES**  
“Jesus’ Divine Sonship”  
*John 5:18-29*

Jesus demonstrates his divine Sonship by:

1. declaring his equality with the Father. (vv. 18-23)
2. delivering spiritual resurrection. (vv. 24-26)
3. dispensing eternal judgment. (vv. 27-29)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHOICES COLLECTION:** Choices is one of LMPC's strategic partner ministries, dedicated to providing no-cost support and resources to those facing unplanned pregnancies. Occasionally, Choices has the opportunity to provide hygiene care bags to women experiencing homelessness. LMPC will partner with Choices by distributing and collecting a limited number of bags. To participate, pick up a bag from the fellowship hall breezeway or sanctuary Narthex and purchase all the items on the attached list. Return filled bags under the porte-cochere (covered drive) on either Sunday April 26 or May 3. Or, drop off at the church office building between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 26, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2029. A brochure about the candidates will be available electronically and in print next week.

**THE REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE** will feature guest speaker Robert Cunningham. Receive biblical insight and practical guidance, attending sessions in the fellowship hall as you are able. Schedule: Friday, May 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 3 from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

**BEAST FEAST:** Men, join us on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a feast of smoked meats. Special guest Robert Cunningham will speak on "The Mighty Meekness of Masculinity." Invite your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Register on Realm Connect for \$20 by April 29.

**SCRIPTURE & SONG**, featuring our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Girls' Ensemble, and Handbell Ensemble, will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for stories of boldness and strength in Scripture and song! Nursery will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the last Wednesday Fellowship Dinner of the semester: a picnic at The Commons on May 6.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** for VBS on July 21-23! Register on Realm Connect as an adult/high school volunteer or a middle school volunteer to help in a variety of ways, including: Storytelling, Worship, Crafts, Games, Check-In and Check-Out, Hospitality (food), Set-Up and Take-Down Team, and "Happy to Help Anywhere." Training for all volunteers will be held prior to the event; you will be contacted with dates.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 19

8:45 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for children.....	children's classrooms
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for youth .....	JHYB
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Fellowship class.....	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Kingdom class .....	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Redeemer class .....	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Sojourner class .....	Room 313
10:00 a.m.	Elder Prayer (pray with an elder and his wife) .....	Room 212
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
3:00 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble practice .....	Choir Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events); for information on groups and classes, visit [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups).

### JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm).

### WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



### OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away  
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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